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ST. ELIZABETH

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

Pastor: Fr. Rand Langhorst
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 choir, miscellaneous)
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 (bookkeeping, Diocesan data
 entry)

Mass Times: Saturday 5:00pm,
 Sunday 10:00am, Weekdays & Holy
 Days as posted in bulletin
 Confession: Saturdays 4:00pm-
 4:35pm, Sundays 9:00am-9:35am
 Offered any time by appointment.
 Half hour before Friday Masses
 for 15 minutes

Baptism
 Contact priest to set up
 appointment.

Matrimony
 Contact priest first before date is
 set and at least 6 months prior.
 Classes and retreat required.

Anointing of the Sick
 Contact priest or parish office.

Education: CCD, Sundays 11:30am-
 12:30pm. Rite of Christian Initiation
 of Adults (R.C.I.A), contact office
 or pastor for more information.

Office Hours: Mondays-Tuesdays,
 8:30am-1:30pm. Wednesdays
 3:00pm-6:30pm

*All bulletin news due at noon the
 Wednesday before the Sunday it is
 to appear. Email rectory-
 office@seas-np.org.*

April 2, 2023: Palm Sunday

<i>Mass Intentions</i>		
<i>Monday 4/3</i>	8:00 am	Poor Souls
<i>Tuesday 4/4</i>	8:00 am	+Orlin Neels
<i>Wednesday 4/5</i>	(Stations at 5:30pm) Mass 6:00 pm	Nicholas Niesen
<i>Holy Thursday 4/6</i>	6:00 pm	Poor Souls
<i>Good Friday 4/7</i>	12:00pm- Stations, 3:00pm- Divine Mercy, Service 6:00pm, Adoration until 12:00am	
<i>Easter Vigil 4/8</i>	5:00 pm	Missa Pro Populo
<i>Easter Sunday 4/9</i>	10:00 am	Spencer & Tiffany Hampton family

LITURGICAL MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS April 8-9, 2023 (Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday)

	Saturday 8:30pm	Sunday 10:00am
Lector	Jim Nisley/Michael Krondak	Michael Krondak
Acolyte	Spencer Hampton/Ed Rieker	Duane Johnsen
Server	Weston Hammond	Harmon Johnsen
	Harmon Johnsen/Luke Miller	William Krondak
Music	Choir	Volunteer Needed
Gifts	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Ushers	Galen Warburton	Alice Robinson, Cindy Swanson

Stewardship: March 26, 2023: Adult Envelopes- \$3,442, Easter
 Flowers- \$315, Combined Collection- \$685

Since Easter falls on a second Sunday of the month, the Knights of Columbus will not have their breakfast that weekend and the Daughters of Charity will hold no meeting. For those wishing to gather for the celebration of the Resurrection and in the spirit of our parish family, there will be an Easter potluck breakfast before Mass from 8:00am-9:30am (timed to allow all to receive the Eucharist). Please join us if you have no other plans.

Doors to the parish hall will be locked after Holy Thursday Adoration until the Easter Vigil, except for Good Friday service, to allow access to the bathrooms. Jesus will be reposed in the parish hall. If necessary, please contact Fr. Rand.

An Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and under will occur on Easter Sunday after Mass. Please go to the parish hall, where instructions will be given. The Easter Egg Hunt is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

MAGNIFICAT is a monthly publication containing a short morning, evening, & night prayer, & a short daily meditation; as well as the Scripture readings for the Daily & Sunday Masses, essays on the lives of the saints, and spiritual insight into masterpieces of sacred art. Magnificat is a good way to learn more about your faith & deepen your prayer life and your relationship with God. The annual group subscription rate is \$23.00/each. That is a savings of \$24.00 off regular (individual price of \$47.00). If you would like to be a part of the group / bulk subscription, please turn in your payment to the Parish Office, via the collection or give to Fr. Rand. The hard and fast deadline is Sunday April 16. Checks payable to our parish. Anything after that date will not be able to participate. The group subscription runs from August 2023 – July 2024. Those in our Group may also read Magnificat either online or on their iPhone or iPod. This opportunity is made possible by the generosity of time of Fr. Mark Seiker who organizes it for our diocese.

Thank you to the Daughters of Charity for a reimbursement to the Parish of \$123.90 for wine and priest's hosts.

Thank you to: Teresa Niesen, Ed Rieker, Danny Gifford, Kevin Budke, Spencer Hampton, Alice

Robinson, Toni Barron, and Greg Vandenberg for shrouding crucifixes, covering statues in the church, and covering statues and portraits of Saints. This tradition spans from after Masses on the 5th week of Lent until Easter Vigil, and is meant to narrow the focus of all to prayerful meditation on the passion of Christ.

Teaching Rock will be held at 6:15pm on Wednesday, April 26. The topic will be "Planning a Catholic Funeral". Proactively preparing can save heartache and confusion at a time when grief and sorrow are overwhelming. Teaching Rock will resume in the Autumn.

During the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday-Easter funerals are not allowed and communion is not allowed to those outside the Good Friday service except in the case of the dying.

The Good Friday Collection serves as a means to support our Christian family in the Holy Land who are under persecution. They now form less than 2 percent of the population and our efforts help them preserve the sacred shrines of our faith, as well as help them in their vulnerability and desperate needs. Let us be in solidarity with the faithful of the land that Jesus walked.

The Daughters of Charity April meeting will be on the 16th after Mass in the Parish Hall. There will be no meeting in May. Graduation Mass and the reception will be held on April 30.

Remaining Confession times to prepare for Easter include: Tuesday, April 4 at Noon and at 6:00pm until last in line heard; Last scheduled is Wednesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm until last in line heard. There will be no scheduled confessions the Easter Vigil/Easter weekend.

There will be no Adoration on Spy Wednesday (April 5) or on First Friday (April 7), which is also Good Friday. All are encouraged to spend some time on Holy Thursday after Mass. Adoration will take place until midnight in the Parish Hall. A pious custom in many places is also to spend some time on Good Friday in the tomb of the Church in the absence of the Eucharist and experience a sense of loss and emptiness.

Very few people have not decorated eggs at one time or other in their life. Eggs are a symbol of new life, reminding us of Christ's resurrection from the dead. Just as the little chick breaks through the shell of the egg, Jesus came forth from the tomb. To bring back the eggs to the original symbolism decorate eggs with liturgical symbols or spiritual themes. Some suggested symbols: Symbols of the Resurrection: Easter lily, butterfly, peacock, bursting pomegranate, the phoenix, the sparrow, the bee, the egg, Jonah and the fish; Easter scenes: an empty tomb, an empty cross with a white cloth hanging, lamb with banner, Christ in white garments, angels at the tomb; Other religious symbols: crosses, doves, lambs, triangle (for the Trinity), grapes, chalice, fish, Chi-Rho, Alpha and Omega; Joyful phrases: "Alleluia, He is Risen!" "Christ is Risen, Alleluia!", "Christus Resurrexit Alleluia!" "The Lord is Risen!", "This is the day the Lord has made, alleluia!"; "Christ has become our paschal sacrifice." From *Ukrainian Easter* by Mary Ann Woloch Vaughn we find that colors also hold special significance which can be incorporated on regular Easter eggs: **White:** purity and innocence **Yellow:** wisdom, recognition, harvest and reward **Orange:** strength, endurance and ambition **Red:** happiness, hope or passion **Green:** sign of spring, hope and innocence. **Blue:** good health **Purple:** royal color, faith and trust **Brown:** earth and mountain color, harvest color, positive symbolizing happiness **Grey:** not a positive color, **Black:** strong color, meaning of remembrance—*condensed from "Catholic Culture"*

Fasting: This is eating one normal sized meal, with 2 partial meals that do not equal a full meal, with no snacking between. Catholics are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (ages 18-59). **Abstaining from meat:** Catholic are required to abstain from meat and anything made from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent. (ages 13 and up).

The Catholic Daughters of America, 1549 Court of Our Lady of Fatima, will meet at 6:00pm Monday, April 3 at St Patrick's Spiritual Life Center.

Parish Council meeting will be Sunday, April 23 at 11:15am.

Holy Week Plenary Indulgences: Holy Thursday. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite the verses of the Tantum ergo after the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday during the solemn reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Good Friday brings two opportunities. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who 1. Devoutly assist at the adoration of the Cross in the solemn liturgical action of Good Friday; or 2. Personally make the pious Way of the Cross, or devoutly unite themselves to the Way of the Cross while it is being led by the Supreme Pontiff and broadcast live on television or radio." On Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil brings another opportunity. "A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who, at the celebration of the Easter Vigil (or on the anniversary of their own Baptism), renew their baptismal vows in any legitimately approved formula." The Easter Vigil includes renewal of baptismal vows. Early in Holy Week, On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we should try to make Mass and receive Holy Communion. That is a "must" because receiving Holy Communion is one of the basic conditions for any plenary indulgence. Here, we consider those certain plenary indulgences that can be gained all year. These are the ones we can obtain on Monday through Wednesday as long as we fulfill the basic conditions (more on them later) and also perform the work required. (Deserving of special mention are grants pertaining to these works by any one of which the faithful can obtain a plenary indulgence each day of the year," always remembering "a plenary indulgence can be acquired no more than once a day." The Manual lists them as four: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament for at least one half hour; The pious exercise of the Way of the Cross; Recitation of the Marian rosary or of the hymn Akathistos, in church or an oratory; or in a family, a religious community, or a sodality of the faithful or, in general, when several of the faithful are gathered for any good purpose; The devout reading or listening to the Sacred Scriptures for at least a half an hour. Any one of these per day, can obtain a plenary indulgence for us for ourselves or to apply to a soul in purgatory.) Basic Mandatory Conditions: "In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed conditions and the performance of certain prescribed works," reminded

the Apostolic Penitentiary in 2000. The conditions are not many and are not at all difficult. First, though, the office initially repeated the definition. "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church..." The office explained, "Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth." For simplicity sake, these simple essentials are presented by the office of the Apostolic Penitentiary in their words: "To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed." "A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace: have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; have sacramentally confessed their sins; receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff." The Apostolic Penitentiary in 2000 clarified that One Our Father and one Hail Mary is suggested for the Holy Father's intentions though the faithful can chose what prayer, and one sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences. As for the Stations of the Cross for a plenary indulgence, the manual details, "The pious exercise must be made before stations of the Way of the Cross legitimately erected...According to the common custom, the pious exercise consists of 14 devotional readings, to which some vocal prayers are added. To make the Way of the Cross, however, it is sufficient to meditate devoutly on the Lord's Passion and Death, and therefore reflection on the particular mysteries of the individual stations in not necessary... Progression from one station to the next is required." Then Divine Mercy Sunday has a plenary indulgence of its own. Through private revelation to St. Faustina, Jesus revealed, I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My mercy (1109). The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion will

obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment (699). "On Divine Mercy Sunday :in any church or chapel, in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin, take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy or, in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament exposed or reserved in the tabernacle, recite the Our Father and the Creed, adding a devout prayer to the merciful Lord Jesus (e.g. "Merciful Jesus, I trust in you!")."

Walk for Life – Fully known ~ deeply loved
You can make a difference! You can help save the lives of unborn babies! You can help the Women's Resource Center provide another year of services to individuals facing an unplanned pregnancy and support for the family after delivery. How, by participating in WRC's 22nd Annual Walk for Life. Pick up a pledge form and ask everyone you know to sponsor you and join in the walk, or make a pledge to help sponsor a registered walker. The WRC is a non-profit pregnancy help center that receives no state or federal funding. They rely on the generosity of those that believe in what they are doing to provide needed funding. The Walk in North Platte will begin Saturday, May 6 at 10 AM at the WRC, 209 McNeel Lane. A pancake feed and tours of the facility will follow. For more information and a pledge form, visit with Greg Vandenberg or Joan Ryland.

Thank you to Steve & Janet Fear, Cindy Swanson, John & Donna Bode and Alice Robinson for hosting the Marians Sisters overnight for the Marian Eucharistic Revival held last Monday and to all who participated in the potluck before it and the event itself. God touched many lives through the Sisters as well as through the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist and Sacrament of Penance. May the stirrings of the Holy Spirit begun or renewed continue for those who participated.

KC meeting Monday April 10 at 7 pm.

Prayer Intentions: Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin for three weeks. ☩= repose of soul.
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